



NOAA Teacher at Sea
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Onboard NOAA Ship ALBATROSS IV
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Day 10: Wednesday, August 9, 2006

Science and Technology Log

The dredge caught a monster lobster today. The scientists seemed to think it was more than twenty years old. When held up it was the size of an adult's length from shoulders to knees, and two hands were needed to hold it! A spiny dog fish (looks like a shark) was also caught. I held it to have my picture taken and I plan to hang it on my classroom door! Otherwise the catches were the usual—some with lots of rocks, some with sand, others with many star fish or skates. All these fantastic sea creatures that I have only seen in books have become part of my life here on board the ALBATROSS IV. The star fish and hermit crabs are my favorites, skates are cool to look at and pick up by the tail and put in the bucket, goosefish (known as monk fish in the grocery store) have a face that "only a mother could love", and the scallops, even though I've seen thousands of them are each a little different.

Personal Log

Sunset was beautiful again tonight and the moon is spectacular. With my binoculars the craters were very clear. A lone sea gull followed us for awhile; his white body against the black sky would have inspired me to write a poem if I were a poet. Hard to believe the adventure is coming to an end, and what an adventure it was. The crew has been super, very kind, and willing to talk and answer questions. The scientists have an important job collecting and recording data; they are an interesting group to work with. Thanks to all for making my time on the ALBATROSS IV the adventure of a lifetime.